

**W**e've all heard it said, "Fool me once, shame on you! Fool me twice, shame on me!" Yet, for all the times we've been warned, the constant barrage of attacks directed at us via multiple media platforms, makes everyone so very vulnerable. In like manner, a strong offense is critical to make sure that God's people are always ready for the assault of the enemy Satan, to deceive every follower of Christ. The apostle Paul knew he was in the thick of the battle. He agonized for people he had not even met. And he sent them and us an important warning, "Don't be fooled!"

**Agony (2:1)**

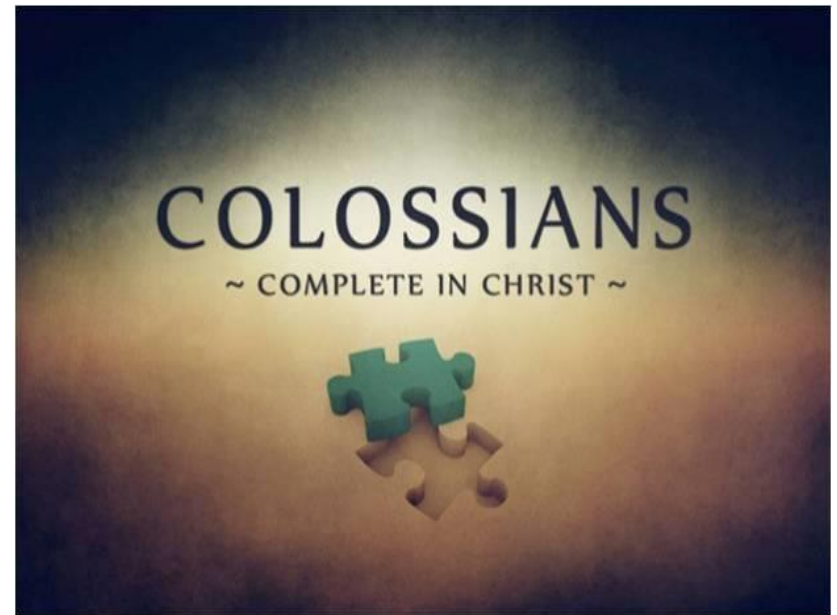
**Mystery (vs.2-3)**

**Necessity (v.4)**

**Ecstasy (v.5)**

## Personal Application and Interaction

1. Share a time when you were duped, deceived or scammed, even for just a brief moment.
2. Describe a time when you were afraid that a friend or loved one was being taken in by someone who posed a threat to that person's spiritual well-being.
3. Why was Paul in agony for the church in Colosse? From your understanding thus far in our study, what was at stake?
4. What are the threats facing us from deceptive, plausible arguments that attack the very core of our confidence in Christ? What are you doing to prepare yourself and others for this?
5. Describe a time when you rejoiced over someone's growing confidence in Christ.



# Don't be fooled!

## Colossians 2:1-5

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